

SOUTH AFRICA'S ITAC INVESTIGATIONS (2022)

ITAC INVESTIGATIONS COVER PRIMARILY ORDINARY CUSTOMS DUTIES (APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASING OR REDUCING IMPORT TARIFFS AND REBATES); TRADE REMEDIES; AND IMPORT AND EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES

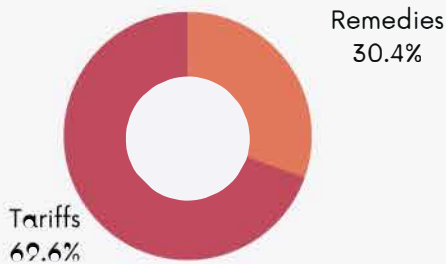
SUMMARY

- Tariff investigations remain the main request by companies averaging 15 investigations annually over the review period (2014-2022).
- The period 2014/2015 recorded the highest tariff investigations (23 total) and 2019/2020 recording the lowest (10 total).

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According to ITAC, 30 reports were completed in 2022, however, in this report, 23 are highlighted mainly because the remaining 7 reports are not original reports which were initiated and reported in the previous year

Investigations by type of instrument (2022)

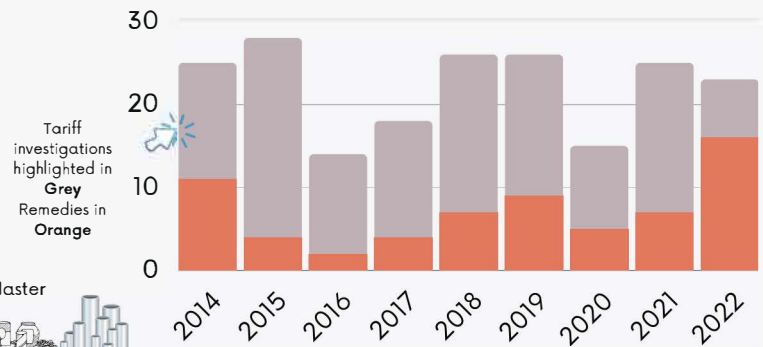


Currently ITAC interventions are focused on supporting South Africa's Master Plans in 6 sectors which can be categorised under:

- Food security: poultry and sugar;
- Consumer goods: clothing and furniture; and
- Industry: automobiles and steel.



Trends in investigations (2014-2022)



TRADE REMEDIES

- 8 antidumping,
- 2 safeguard measures and
- 6 sunset reviews

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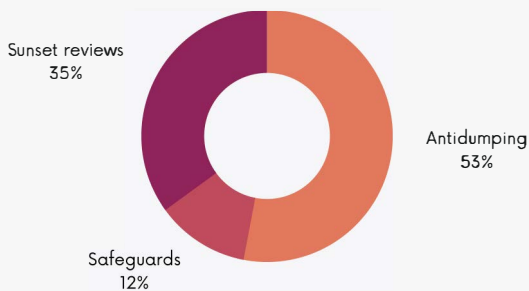
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- 4 tariff increases
- 2 rebates and
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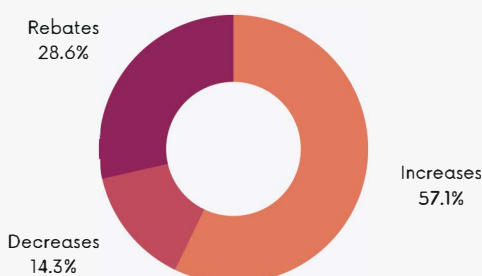
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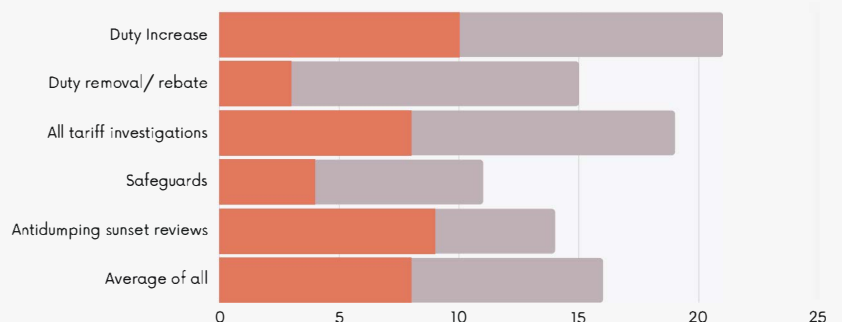
Trade remedies in 2022



Tariff investigations in 2022



Average months from initiation to implementation of investigations



Source: XA (2022)

Implications for delays

- A loss in revenue for the fiscus where tariff increases are justified; and
- No other party can bring another case on the same tariff codes while a case is open, so companies who may need a duty change, may never even bring their application.

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